Threatened and Endangered Species in Forests of Wisconsin

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YELLOW GIANT HYSSOP

(Agastache nepetoides)

Federal Status: Not Listed State Status: Threatened



Description: The yellow giant hyssop grows about 3 feet tall, bearing thin, toothed, eggshaped leaf blades on short stems. The plant's stalk branches toward the top of the plant. From July through October this hyssop bears a heavy spike of numerous small yellowish flowers.

Habitat: Yellow giant hyssop inhabits open oak or mixed oak forests.

Forestry Considerations: Where the yellow giant hyssop occurs, single-tree selection or group-selection silviculture is favored, as these techniques will not greatly alter the balance of light and shade that this plant requires.

Management for oaks is preferred to prevent succession to moist hardwood forest. Clearcutting and/or summer cutting of trees near these plants should be avoided.

